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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
H. Takeuchi

Serial No.: 10/765,958

Filed: January 24, 2004

For: Bendable Bottom Member For Bed



Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: D. Reese

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) PURSUANT TO
35 U.S.C. 132 AND 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of application
Serial No.: 10/765,958

filed on: January 24, 2004

entitled: *Bendable Bottom Member For Bed*

by the following named inventor:

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There has been no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings in the above-identified prior application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

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1. ☒ Enter and consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on September 1, 2005 , but unentered.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

The following items are enclosed:

1. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 2. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is required)

FEES:

The filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

The total amount due for the filing fee in this case is:

Basic filing fee.	<u>\$ 790.00</u>
Total Claims: 7 - 20 = 0 (No. extra)	
Total Claims in excess of 20 = <u>-0-</u> @ \$50 each.	<u>\$ -0-</u>
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Total Independent Claims in excess of 3 = <u>0</u> @ \$200 each	<u>\$ -0-</u>
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- ☐ PAYMENT is included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check in the amount of \$ 790.00.
- ☒ AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NUMBER 20-1424
Authorization is hereby given to the Commissioner of Patents to charge Deposit account Number 20-1424 for any fees due in this application which have not been included in the payment enclosed.
- ☒ The applicant hereby requests an extension of time for any extension required by the Commissioner for any reason or to maintain this application in good standing before the Patent Office.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ 790.00 to the credit card identified in the attached Credit Card Payment Form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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